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FOLDING VIEW HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

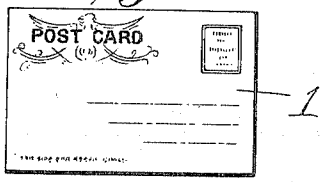


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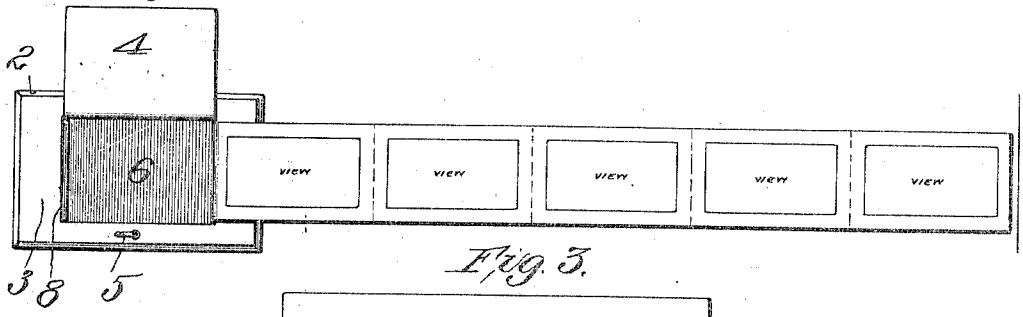


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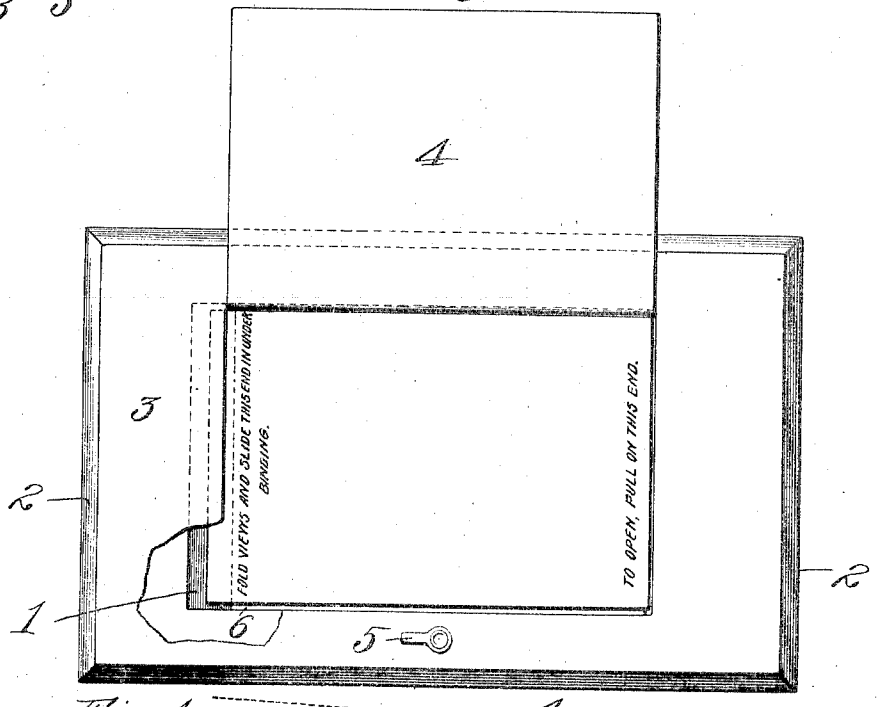
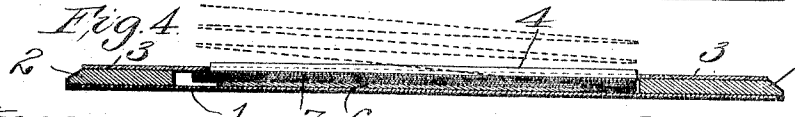


Fig. 4.



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FOLDING VIEW-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER M. O'CONNOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Folding View-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a back plan view of my improved folding view-holder, showing the space for a stamp and space for the address of a person, whereby the same can be sent through the mails. Fig. 2 is a front view showing the folding views extended. Fig. 3 is an enlarged front view showing the views folded and in position. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in folding view-holders, the object being to mount the folding views in a suitable casing which can be closed, so as to protect the views from injury, said casing when closed being so compact as to be transmitted through the mails.

With this object in view the invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts, all as will be hereinafter described, and afterward pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, 1 indicates a bottom sheet, which is preferably of thin cardboard, upon which is secured a comparatively thick cardboard frame 2, cut away at its center to receive the folded views. Upon this cardboard frame is secured a protecting-cover 3, which is so cut as to form a flap 4, said flap being held in its closed position by a securing-button 5. In the space of the frame 2 is introduced a bottom piece 6, which bottom piece is secured in position preferably by adhesive substance and secures the attached end of the folded views in place.

By referring to Fig. 4 it will be observed that the views, which are indicated at 7, when folded have a length slightly exceeding the length of the inserted bottom piece 6, which secures the attached view to the casing, said folded views also having a length slightly exceeding the opening in the cover-piece 3. The opening in the frame-piece 2 is sufficiently long to receive the free edges of the folded views.

In operation the parts being assembled as described, to unfold the views it is only necessary to raise the first fold at the attached end upon which may be printed "To open pull on this end," when by a slight pull all the views will be drawn from under the overhanging edge 8 of the cover-piece 3. The views may now be examined, and to insert them in position the free edges are introduced under the overhanging portion 8, as shown in full lines in Fig. 4, when the flap may be closed and the button turned to secure the flap in position.

In referring to the "attached" end of the views I mean that end of the folded views remote from the overhanging portion 8, and by referring to the "free" ends of the folded views I mean that portion which is capable of being inserted under the overhanging portion 8 for the purpose of holding said views safely in position.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my device can be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a folding view-holder, the combination with a back piece, a frame-piece, a cover-piece having a flap and having an overhanging portion, and folding views attached at one end to the casing, their opposite ends being designed to fit under an overhanging portion of the cover-piece; substantially as described.

2. In a folding view-holder, the combination with a back piece, of a frame-piece, a cover-piece having an overhanging edge 8 extending inwardly beyond the frame-piece, a bottom piece 6 for securing one edge of the folding views in position, the opposite edges of said folding views being designed to fit under the overhanging portion 8, a flap 4, and means for securing said flap in position; substantially as described.

3. A card provided with a recess on one side, one wall of which recess overhangs, and folding views designed to fit under said overhanging portion; substantially as described.

4. A card provided with a recess opening on one side only of the card, one wall of said recess overhanging, and folding views designed to fit under said overhanging wall; substantially as described.

5. A card provided with a recess having an overhanging wall, a foldable device containing illustrations or the like fitted in said recess and under said overhanging wall, and a movable cover for closing and opening the recess; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of August, 1903.

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